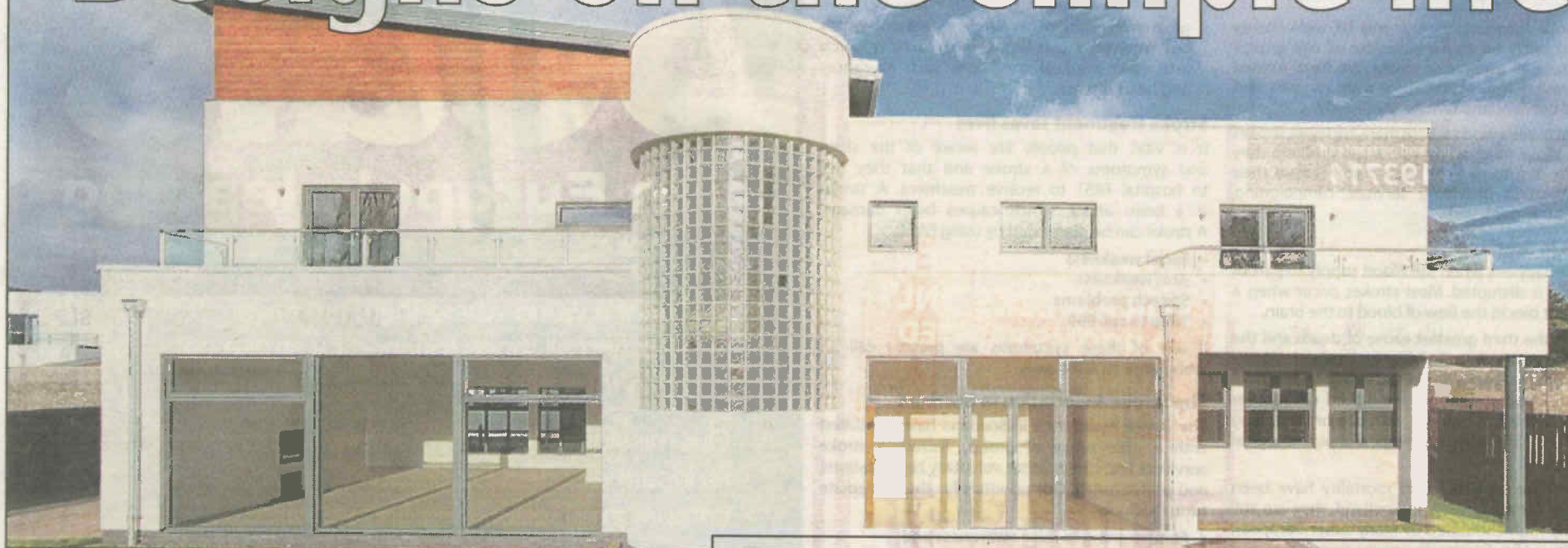


Designs on the simple life



Ideal home: The architect-designed property, above, has a bright, contemporary feel and its rooms offer minimalist living, right

THEY says there's nothing like a good declutter to reinvigorate the soul and improve domestic harmony – and living in a house like this would surely encourage good habits, writes *Jenny Shields*.

The property, at Castle Gogar Rigg on the western fringes of Edinburgh, is a unique, architect-designed family home built in the grounds of a 17th-century baronial castle.

With a spare, elegant design, this contemporary space has a drawing room with sun room, dining room, breakfasting kitchen, utility room, study and cloakroom on the ground

floor, a master bedroom with en suite and three more bedrooms, two of which are en suite, plus a house bathroom.

There are gardens front and rear and a double garage. All this and yet the property is only minutes from the centre of the capital.

WHY WOULD YOU WANT IT? This is a stunning, one-off statement house, a guaranteed head-turner.

WHY WOULD YOU WALK AWAY? Too stark and utilitarian for some tastes.

WHO WOULD IT SUIT? Cubists.

HOW MUCH? Selling agent Simpson and Marwick in Edinburgh has put a fixed price of £1.2 million on the

